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STATE FOR DS/DSS, DS/ITA, DS/IP, AND NEA/ARP
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ROME, BRUSSELS AND FRANKFURT FOR FAA

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SUBJECT: KUWAIT REQUEST FOR AIRCRAFT SECURITY IN U.S. AND
EUROPE

Classified By: Charge' d'Affaires a.i. Frank Urbancic for reason 1.5 (B
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1.(S) On December 29, Embassy received the following
diplomatic note from the Kuwaiti Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(Begin Embassy Informal Translation)

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(complimentary opening) and with reference to the conditions
the region is currently going through and the accompanying
threats, the concerned security agencies in the State of
Kuwait saw the need to strengthen the security measures on
all its flights including those to the United States and
Europe.

This ministry would appreciate it if the Embassy addressed
the FAA and the TSA, as the agencies responsible for the
safety of American civil aviation, and also the rest of the
European destinations, to strengthen the security measures
for Kuwait Airways planes as they have done for American
airlines. (complimentary close)

(End Embassy Informal Translation)

2.(C) Post intends to respond to the GOK that the text of its
message has been delivered to Washington, and that the most
appropriate course of action now is for Kuwait Airways
Station Managers in the U.S. to contact FAA and TSA officials
at their stations to discuss exact requirements and plans.

3.(C) Comment: The GOK continues to anticipate, and plan for,
blow-back from possible military actions against Iraq. While
current security measures in the U.S. are probably as tight
as they can get, any steps we can take to reassure the GOK
and KAC that we share their concerns and will address them
will remind our hosts that we value their support and
partnership. End comment.
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